



## Norris Edward Taylor

October 3, 1926 - September 9, 2012

Norris Edward Taylor passed away at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Sunday, September 9, after a long hospitalization. He was 85. Born in Easton on October 3, 1926, he was the son of the late George Samuel Taylor and Laura Elizabeth Chance.

Norris started working at a very early age. The family owned a grocery store on West Street in Easton, where he worked after school and on weekends. He started his first private enterprise in 1943, clearing and hauling trees to build Easton Airport. He sold and delivered firewood and other items as soon as he saw the need created by the manpower shortage during World War II.

At age 18, he enlisted in the Army. The war ended while he was en route to the probable invasion of mainland Japan. He was redirected to Korea as part of the occupation force. There he served as Sergeant of a motor pool.

In 1948, he returned to Easton where he started his construction business on Route 50 at its current location. Route 50 was just one lane at the time.

In 1949, he married Helen Joyce Walls. Together, they built their contracting business, employing close to 100 people at its peak. Some of his employees have worked there for more than 50 years. He operated his business six days a week, 12 hours a day, up until his hospitalization.

Norris did much to help the needy. He would give anyone a job. He was field director for the Salvation Army for a few years during the eighties. He organized and sponsored many Thanksgiving dinners. He always helped the homeless, donating temporary shelter or longer term housing. He worked with many churches and organizations for this cause. For many years, he was the night and weekend contact person for the police to provide the needy with temporary emergency shelter.

He helped establish and support a Thursday men's prayer breakfast in Easton, which has been meeting since the early 1980's.

All who knew him, considered him a friend and will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his children, Lorraine T. Claggett, Patricia T. Goodman, and Norris E. Taylor, Jr.; their spouses, Laurence Claggett, Jeff Goodman, and Shelley L. Taylor; six grandchildren, Katie, Sarah, Laura, Caroline, Michael and Matthew; a sister, Sally A. Barnes, and her husband, Paul N. Barnes, of El Dorado, MD; and a brother, Stanley W. Taylor, of Woolford, MD.

A visitation will be at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601 on Monday, September 17 from 5 -8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peach Blossom Lane in Easton on Tuesday, September 18 at 2 p.m. Interment will be at Spring Hill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Hill Cemetery

Easton, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

SEP 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road  
Easton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norris Edward Taylor*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Norris Edward Taylor*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Norris Edward Taylor*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Rebecca Ellen George Mowbray lit a candle  
in memory of Norris Edward Taylor*



**Rebecca Ellen George Mowbray** - September 19, 2012 at 01:25 PM



“ *Dee and I will always remember..*



**William John Fogle.** - September 17, 2012 at 11:04 PM

WF

“ He was a good Boss, good friend, he was there for my family, and I, more times than I can remember. A GOOD Man.  
I'm sorry old friend, I would be there if I could.  
Remember this? ("Just like ants..I work for food.." :)  
Sincerely,  
John Fogle. ("Benati John")  
you have and will be missed.[http://storage.lifetributes.com/Temp/c52fbfaa-4147-4091-bba2-e34df202a7d4\\_Thumb.jpg](http://storage.lifetributes.com/Temp/c52fbfaa-4147-4091-bba2-e34df202a7d4_Thumb.jpg)

William John Fogle - September 17, 2012 at 10:13 PM

RN

“ I have worked for Norris for 36 years.He has done and taught me alot. I love him like a father.I will miss him forever. GOD BLESS YOU RONNIE AND SUSAN NEWNAM

RONNIE NEWNAM - September 16, 2012 at 10:02 PM

WF

Sorry Ronnie I know you and he were close. He has and will be missed by me as well. Please take care Old Friend..

William John Fogle. - September 17, 2012 at 11:00 PM

WA

Norris E. Taylor was always glad to see me. He was certainly a friend to me. I already miss him. Weldon D. Andrews

Weldon David Andrews - September 21, 2012 at 07:49 PM

JD

“ Mr. Taylor was a kind and thoughtful man...Talbot county will miss him.

John Dodson - September 16, 2012 at 07:55 PM

JL

“ James Largent lit a candle in memory of Norris Edward Taylor



James Largent - September 15, 2012 at 07:34 PM

CF

“ May he rest in peace. Calvin & Viola Fairbank , Talbot Trailer Park, Easton

Calvin C. Fairbank - September 14, 2012 at 03:16 PM

RF

“ As a fifteen year employee of Norris Taylor, I am honored and blessed to have known him. I pray that God will bless his family with peace in the knowledge that he has surely earned a place in Heaven. It's time to rest now Norris. God Bless!

Robert Fischer and Family

Robert Fischer - September 14, 2012 at 02:56 PM

MS

“ Mel Marshall Sr lit a candle in memory of Norris Edward Taylor



Mel Marshall Sr - September 14, 2012 at 10:52 AM

CT

“ R.I.P Poppop, you will truly be missed, love u!! <3

Caroline Taylor - September 13, 2012 at 12:23 PM

CT

“ Caroline Taylor lit a candle in memory of  
Norris Edward Taylor



Caroline Taylor - September 13, 2012 at 12:20 PM

SB

“ Sharlene Bullen lit a candle in memory of  
Norris Edward Taylor



Sharlene Bullen - September 13, 2012 at 09:41 AM

SB

*I really did not Mr. Taylor all that well. But by reading what he accomplished in life I see that he did not waste it. What an inspiration he was to people. I'm sure he is resting in Heaven now. My condolences to the family. What a great man he was. You must be very proud....*

Sharlene Bullen - September 13, 2012 at 09:43 AM

PH

“ My prayers go out to the children of Mr. Norris Taylor, I worked with him back in the 60's and he was a very caring person. He and Mrs Joyce are now together, but they both will be greatly missed. They helped so many people during their lifetimes. May God be with all his family during this time of loss.  
*Pat Hanrahan*

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**Pat Hanrahan** - September 12, 2012 at 03:50 PM

RP

*My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Norris Taylor. My husband, Martin M. Pettitt, Jr. was a great friend of Norris. I considered Norris a great friend as well. Being in the Landlord Business, as myself, there were times I called Norris and asked him "how should I correct this problem or that problem." Norris would tell me "I'll send Ronnie over to help you out." Norris Taylor is a Legend that will never be forgotten. He contributed so much to the Town of Easton and Talbot County. God Bless all of his family and Ronnie during this time of loss.  
*Rita S. Pettitt, Pettitt Enterprises.**

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**Rita S. Pettitt** - September 14, 2012 at 07:04 AM

JD

“ To a truly great man in Talbot Co. A man you cared about so many and gave so much, no matter you you were. He gave me my first jog out of High School. I dont know if many people know just how sincere & sensitive Norris could be! I will miss him always the route 50 corridor will never be the same now. Rest in peace now Norris.  
*Joe Ostrowski*

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**Joe Ostrowski, Funeral Director** - September 11, 2012 at 12:08 PM

TP

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of great loss. Truly Norris will be missed in our community. Norris was truly a great friend to me and I will miss him sitting behind the desk with two or three phone calls going at the same time. He was truly an inspiration. Please know that his is at rest with Joyce at his side now. I would not even be surprised if they are not planning a new business venture together, hand in hand, as it used to be.

*Terri Phillips*

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**Terri Phillips** - September 10, 2012 at 10:28 AM